

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



Ravalli County Commissioners
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April 30, 2007

RE: Letter of Support for Bitterroot Snowmobile Club grant application.

To Whom It May Concern;

The Ravalli County Commissioners strongly support the Bitterroot Snowmobile Club activities. These trails are for multiple uses not just for snowmobiles. The trails are used for a wide variety of winter sports, such as cross country skiing, skate skiing, bird watchers, hunters, photographers, and are appealing to all ages of people. Winter recreation is a healthy sport and provides a great economic boost to the Bitterroot Valley and entire State. Tourism in the State of Montana is fast becoming our largest industry and provides great economic benefits.

The groomed trail system is signed and smooth and provides safe access and riding. We hear positive comments about the Ridgerunners organization and appreciate their commitment to work with the Forest Service in providing safe groomed trails and public access to the high elevation snowmobiling areas. The area of Ravalli County is flanked by federal forest lands which provide access for a variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, boating, camping, walks, hiking and back country camping.

We encourage approval of financial support to the Bitterroot Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Greg Chilcott, Chairman

Alan Thompson, Member

Howard Lyons, Member